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In re application of:

SKEIKY et al.

Application No.: 09/688,672

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For: FUSION PROTEINS OF  
MYCOBACTERIUM TUBERCULOSIS

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Confirmation No. 2671

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RESPONSE TO ADVISORY ACTION

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed April 8, 2005, and Advisory Action mailed October 12, 2005, and further to the Notice of Appeal filed October 11, 2005, please enter the following amendments and remarks. A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 is filed herewith.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.